

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/GB 03/01423

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 B01J8/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 B01J B01D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2 979 314 A (ECKERT JOHN S) 11 April 1961 (1961-04-11) column 2, line 45 - column 3, line 22; figure 2	1,2
A	DE 10 79 004 B (LENTIA GMBH) 7 April 1960 (1960-04-07) the whole document	3,10
A	US 4 275 018 A (BRAUN ROLAND) 23 June 1981 (1981-06-23) column 4, line 13 - line 21 column 4, line 41 - line 46 figures 1-14	1,3,10
A	DE 907 289 C (KASPAR KOENIG) 22 March 1954 (1954-03-22) the whole document	1,3

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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1. Claims: 1,2

Grid in the form of a web of vertically disposed plates comprising a network of strands of plate segments connected by junctions, said strands terminating only at the periphery of the grid and one or more internal plate branches and where in a horizontal cross section through the grid each segment has at least two angular and/or curved portions which alternate in directions.

2. Claims: 3-10

Grid in the form of a web of vertically disposed plates wherein in horizontal cross section the web has a repeating pattern, the pattern comprising substantially polygonal cells with at least 8 sides, at least two internal angles above  $180^\circ$  and at least four angles below  $180^\circ$ .

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Information on patent family members

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